
Notice of Certification and Settlement Approval Hearing (Short Form)

Indian Boarding Homes Class Action

Were you placed in a private home by Canada for the purpose of attending school? If yes, please read this notice carefully because it affects your legal rights.

What is the class action about?

The Indian Boarding Home Program was an educational program in which the Government of Canada placed children from First Nations communities and Inuit villages in other communities (usually non-Indigenous) to stay with private families for the purpose of attending school. The class action alleges that Canada's actions in creating, operating, and maintaining the Indian Boarding Home Program were wrong. These actions created an environment where children were abused, harassed, and suffered other harms. The prolonged absence from family and community also caused loss of culture, language, and community bonding.

Who is included in the proposed settlement?

The classes are defined as follows:

a) Primary Class	Individuals who were placed in private homes, during the period of September 1, 1951 and June 30, 1992, for the purpose of attending school, not including placements for post-secondary education Individuals placed after June 30, 1992, are also included if Canada was responsible for their placement.
b) Family Class	Members of the individual's family who lost the guidance, care, or companionship they could expect from the individual

To be eligible for compensation, Class Members must have been alive on July 24, 2016.

What benefits does the proposed settlement provide?

The proposed settlement must be approved by the Federal Court before compensation will be available to class members. If approved, every Primary Class Member will be eligible for a Category 1 payment of \$10,000: a single payment to anyone who was in the Indian Boarding Homes Program.

You may also apply for Category 2 compensation ranging from \$10,000 to \$200,000 based on the harms that you suffered, such as physical or sexual abuse. You may hire your own lawyer to help prepare your application for Category 2 compensation. In that case, Canada will pay the lawyer an amount equal to 5% (plus tax) of the Category 2 payment you receive.

A foundation will be created to support commemoration, healing, and preserving languages and culture. Canada will pay \$50 million to be administered by the Foundation.

Family Class Members will not receive direct compensation. Their claims will be recognized and addressed by the indirect compensation available through the Foundation's reconciliation projects. More information on compensation can be found in the settlement agreement which is available at www.boardinghomesclassaction.com / www.foyersfamiliauxfederaux.com.

What are your legal rights and options?

1. Do nothing- – If you agree with the proposed settlement, you do not have to take any action now.
2. Show your support – If you agree with the proposed settlement and would like the court to consider your support, you must write to either of the lawyers listed below. You must write no later than **August 25, 2023**.
3. File an objection – If you disagree with the proposed settlement and would like the court to consider your objection, you must write to one of the law firms listed below. You must send your objection no later than **August 25, 2023**.
4. Participate in the hearing – If you would like to talk to the court in person or by video, you must write to one of the law firms listed below. You must send your request no later than **August 25, 2023**.
5. Watch the hearing – If you would like to watch the hearing, you can attend in Federal Court, 701 W Georgia St., Vancouver, BC, or use the attendee link (public) https://cas-satj.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_cOzZSGfQ2-bgs_p3JB_KQ. The hearing will be on September 12, 13, and 14, 2023, starting at 9:30 am PST (later in time zones further east).

What if I do not want to participate in the class action?

If the Settlement Agreement is approved, you will be able to exclude yourself (“opt-out”) if you do not want to receive compensation under the settlement and wish to keep your right to bring your own lawsuit regarding your participation in the Boarding Homes Program. To exclude yourself, you must submit an Opt Out form before expiry of the Opt Out period. To submit an opt out, please visit www.boardinghomesclassaction.com / www.foyersfamiliauxfederaux.com to obtain an Opt Out form and submit the completed form to one of the law firms listed below. The Opt Out period will be set by the Court and will be at least sixty (60) days from the date on which the Court issues an order regarding approval of the settlement.

Who are the lawyers for the class?

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How do I get more information?

If you want more information about your rights and options, information about the settlement and details about the settlement approval process in the Indian Boarding Homes Class Action, and see the settlement agreement, please visit the following website at www.boardinghomesclassaction.com / www.foyersfamiliauxfederaux.com.

This notice has been authorized by the Federal Court of Canada